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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: RECOMBINANT BACTERIAL PHYTASES  
AND USES THEREOF

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Non-final Office action mailed October 12, 2006 ("the OA"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due January 12, 2006. Applicants herein submit a petition for a three month extension of time to April 12, 2007, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**Amendment to the claims** is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.